

## Middle East And North Africa Research Group

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### Covering the city: how ethnography and photography work together

*Thursday 15 December 2016*

Location: The research seminars will take place at 12 o'clock in the Meeting room, Department of Conflict and Development Studies, Universiteitstraat 8 (1st floor), Ghent. For more information and registration, please contact [Sigrid.vertommen@ugent.be](mailto:Sigrid.vertommen@ugent.be)

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#### Description

MENARG and CRG kindly invite you to the following lectures, which are part of a series of research seminars on "Methods and Ethics in Fieldwork". During these seminars national and international guests will be sharing their 'story behind the findings' with researchers from different departments, to have a profound reflection on methodological and ethical questions in performing empirical research.

Filip De Boeck will talk about his collaboration with Congolese photographer Sammy Baloji. Their joint research resulted in a book, "Suturing the City", and an exhibition. Presenting a narrative of place, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, their work is also a study of things that defy verbal narration: the city's affective landscapes and moods. De Boeck will discuss how ethnography, photography and film may be used together to produce a different kind of ethnographic analysis of contemporary urban realities in Central Africa.

Filip De Boeck is coordinator of the Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa Research Unit of the Faculty of Social Sciences, at KULeuven. He is also Professor and actively involved in teaching, promoting, coordinating and supervising research in and on Africa. Since 1987 he has conducted extensive field research in both rural and urban communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. His most recent book is *Suturing the City. Living Together in Congo's Urban Worlds* (2016), co-authored with photographer Sammy Baloji.



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